(b) if so, whether bilateral trade stood at $4 billion in 2003-04 as opposed to same level in 1997-98 and it remain stagnating;

(c) if so, whether India's trade relationship with other countries in the region have been encouraging growth;

(d) if so, whether India and Japan have agreed to improve trade relations;

(e) if so, whether any agreements in this regard has been reached and signed; and

(f) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per DGCI&S data, the India-Japan trade amounted to US$ 4356 million (Provisional) during 2003-04 as against US$ 4042 million during 1997-98.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) It is the constant endeavour of the Government of India to improve trade relations with Japan. In this direction, during the visit of Japanese METI Minister to India in January 2005, formal establishment of the policy Dialogue between India and Japan was announced. It was also announced that Minister level Talks between Commerce and Industry Minister and Japanese METI Minister would be held regularly on an annual basis. As a follow-up to this, the Commerce and Industry Minister of India recently visited Japan, accompanied by a large business delegation, and held wide-ranging talks with the Japanese Minister for Economy, Trade and Industry, the Minister for Finance, the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and also with the Prime Minister. The Policy Dialogue is on-going.

Production of good quality coffee

†*397. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether good quality coffee can be produced at the height of 900 metres;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) If so, the number of such States in India; and

(c) the details of action plan of Government regarding production of good quality coffee in India?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Presently coffee is grown at an elevation of about 900 metres mainly in three States *i.e.* Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu;

(c) Coffee Board has been implementating a number of schemes and programmes for production of good quality coffee which include the following:

- Quality upgradation under the Small Sector Development Programme by extending subsidy to small growers to set up infrastructure at the farm level;
- Training of growers through farmers' participatory method programmes;
- Support for the formation of self help groups for processing, storing and marketing of coffee through a community approach;
- Annual cupping competitions,
- Extending technical and financial assistance for setting up quality laboratories in the private sector;
- Extending technical assistance for organic coffee cultivation and financial assistance for obtaining certification.

Monitoring of hostile propaganda on TV Channels

*398. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Home Ministry is likely to take up the issue of hostile propaganda in television and radio broadcast;

(b) if so, whether to ensure an effective control for screening in national interest Government have decided to move Central monitoring service to Home Ministry from the I & B Ministry;